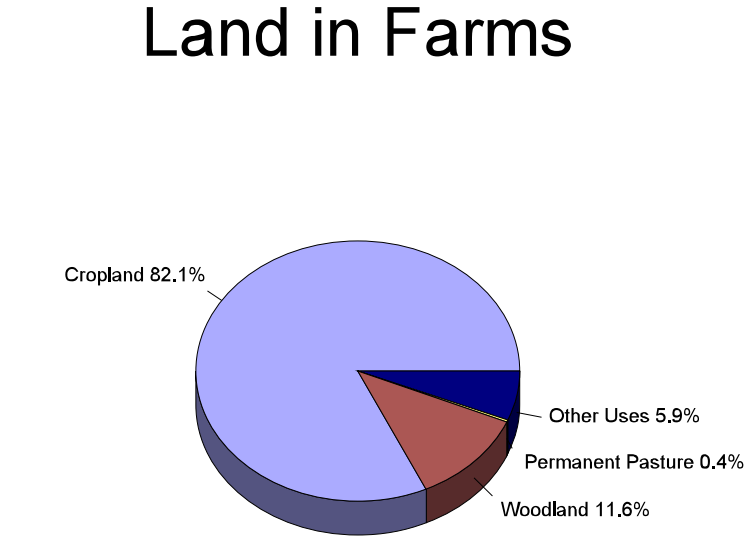
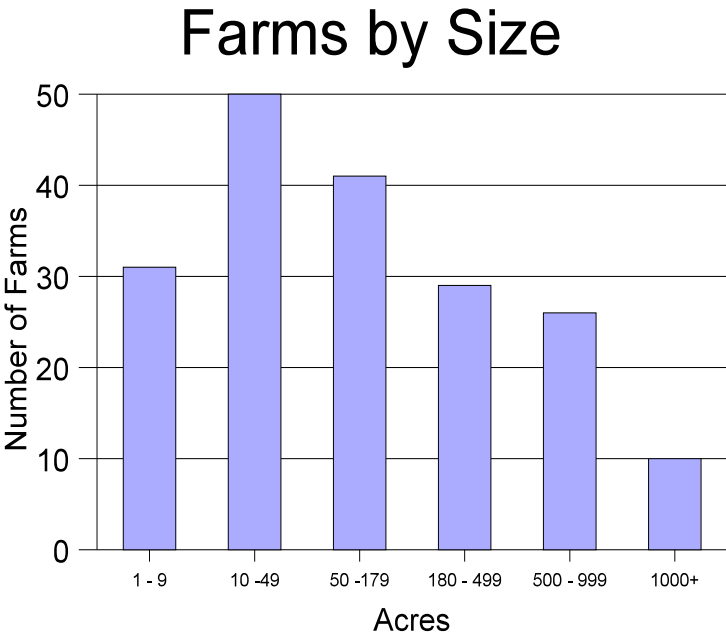


FARMS



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	107
Other	80
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	171
Female	16
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.4
All operators ⁵ by race:	
White	201
Black or African American	43
American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	3
All operators ⁵ of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4

Footnotes: 1/ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with items. 2/ Beginning with 1997, data includes an adjustment for undercoverage. 3/Due to changes in definition and wording of questions, figures for “cropland pasture” and “other pasture” are not always comparable from the Census. Acreage beginning with 1964 refer to pastureland and rangeland, other than cropland and woodland pastured, on farms with sales of agricultural products of \$2,500 and over. 4/ Beginning with 1974, agricultural operations under individual management with annual sales of \$1,000 or more. 5/ Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm. NA Not Available. (D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than ½ of the unit shown. See “Census of Agriculture, Vol. 1, Geographic Series” for complete footnotes.



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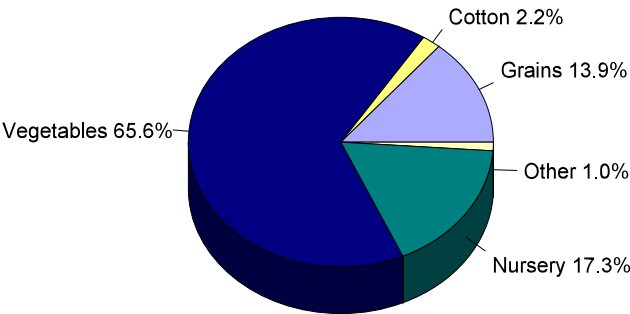
Bounded by the Atlantic Ocean and the Chesapeake Bay, Northampton lies in the coastal plain on the southern part of the Eastern Shore. One of the eight original shires into which the state was divided in 1634, the county was named after either the Earl of Northampton or the English shire of the same name.

The topography of Northampton’s mainland is generally level, while the ocean side of the county consists of islands, bays, and inlets. Temperatures average 40 degrees in January and 79 in July. The frost-free growing season generally lasts about 229 days, usually extending from April 1 to November 16. Annual precipitation averages 41 inches.

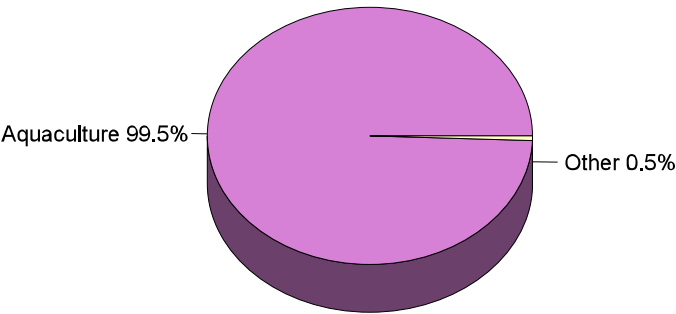
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	187	164
Land in Farms (acres)	52,459	57,355
Average size of farm	281	350
Market Value of Production		
County Total	\$44,192,000	\$38,751,000
Average per farm	\$236,320	\$236,289
Government Payments	\$478,000	\$368,000

CASH RECEIPTS

Crops



Livestock & Poultry



Ranked Items among the 98 state counties and 3,078 US Counties, 2002

Commodity	Quantity	State Rank	Universe 1/	US Rank	Universe 1/
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	4,589	12	95	1,268	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	729	7	15	382	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	21,615	2	95	98	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	5,687	12	95	429	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	39	95	97	3,007	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	83	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	-	-	90	-	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	8	67	93	2,378	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	11,186	1	44	23	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
All Goats	158	68	95	2,004	2,971
Cattle and calves	(D)	96	97	(D)	3,059
Sheep and lambs	138	52	93	2,124	2,867
Horses and ponies	120	88	97	2,927	3,065
Llamas	(D)	45	69	(D)	2,112
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	19,452	5	79	851	2,076
All Vegetables harvested	7,046	1	95	100	2,710
All Wheat for grain	6,965	8	87	784	2,517
Corn for grain	5,856	21	96	1,216	2,592
Snap beans	2,986	1	83	20	1,833

FARM DATA & LAND USE

YEAR	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Avg. Value Per Acre For Land & Buildings	LAND USE					
				Cropland			Other Pasture 3/	Woodland	
				Harvested	Other	Pasture		Pasture	Not Pastured
	Number	Acres	Dollars	-Acres-					
1940	777	74,841	78	35,571	6,020	1,287	NA	NA	NA
1945	722	77,552	100	42,665	2,299	990	885	NA	21,402
1950	603	73,097	137	40,918	3,724	1,176	1,619	NA	19,870
1954	481	71,742	181	39,828	3,195	1,204	677	NA	21,236
1959	370	67,066	231	41,342	1,773	1,402	839	NA	17,077
1964	315	64,046	301	44,061	1,801	747	373	1,152	10,445
1969	241	51,160	440	37,597	4,167	1,137	1,278	1,106	4,171
1974 4/	230	57,684	733	44,697	481	657	233	1,991	4,869
1978	236	61,956	1,104	47,915	1,514	904	247	1,604	7,012
1982	246	62,283	1,388	51,657	945	539	402	443	5,247
1987	180	50,530	1,547	35,821	4,832	1,178	652	518	5,681
1992	162	52,469	1,838	41,617	2,656	354	565	250	5,955
1997 2/	164	57,355	1,973	47,573	2,357	770	469	329	4,756
2002	187	52,459	2,394	39,035	3,823	238	215	1,276	4,797

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